

Loganville Middle School Cheerleading Contract

2024 - 2025

Values of Cheerleaders

1. Portray yourself as a LEADER for my peers at all times making academics your top priority.
 2. Stay free from the consumption of alcohol, tobacco, or any other drugs.
 3. Be accountable for your actions at all times on, and off campus.
 4. Be present and on time for **ALL** practices and games, unless you have a valid excuse approved in advance by the LMS Cheerleading Coaches.
 5. Represent your school in a positive manner on and off campus by your behavior, social media posts, and text messages.
- * There will be a penalty, at Coach's discretion, for violating any of the above values.**

Tryouts

- Cheerleaders are chosen based on three criteria:
 - Teacher Evaluations (conduct, attendance, participation)
 - Coaches Evaluation (meeting deadlines, attendance, behavior)
 - Ability (jumps, motions, dance, spirit, tumbling, professional appearance)
- Candidates will not be able to participate in tryouts unless all forms are complete and submitted by the deadline of March 20th.
- There will be a mandatory Cheer Clinic April 9th - 11th from 2:30 to 4:30 pm in the LMS Gym.
- The actual tryout date will be Friday April 12th from 2:30 - 4:30 pm in the LMS Gym.

Attendance

Cheerleaders are expected to make their LMS squad the priority over any other squad they may be part of. Attendance at LMS practices and games is required. Very few exceptions will be made to this requirement.

There will be only 1 cheer squad for this school year. If you earn a spot on the squad it is understood that you will be cheering for both football, and basketball seasons.

Aug-Oct - Football Season: Practice on Mondays and Tuesdays. Football games are on Wednesdays

Nov-Feb - Basketball Season: Practice on Tuesdays. Games are held on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Grades

Academics should be the top priority for every LMS Cheerleader. They are students first, and athletes second. The Walton County BOE policy for middle school athletes is that the student must pass at least 4 subjects in the preceding grading period. The connections classes taken in the same quarter are averaged to count as one subject for eligibility purposes. Students must be passing 4 subjects to play. Understanding that they are being evaluated on 5 grades since Connections classes are averaged together for one grade.

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Grades Continued

Coaches are allowed to have their own guidelines on grades. LMS Cheerleading requirements are below:
LMS Cheerleaders' grades will be evaluated at progress report time, and at the end of the quarter.

Failing 1 Class:

- They are still able to participate in cheerleading, but they will be on academic probation.
- This means that the coaches will be monitoring their grades closely and communicating with their teachers to see if that girl is doing everything she can to bring her grades up.

Failing 2 or More Classes:

- Cheerleaders will be on academic suspension.
- They will be required to schedule after school tutoring for the classes they are failing. These tutoring sessions will be in lieu of practices.
- Since they will be missing practices they will not be allowed to perform at the games or pep rallies.
- They must still attend all events, but they will sit with the LMS Cheer Coaches. They will not use it as a time to socialize.

***Students who are on probation or suspension twice during a season may lose their spot on the LMS Cheer Squad.**

Captains: You will vote which two 8th graders you want as your captain. 2 for football and 2 for basketball.

Uniforms/Appearance/Behavior:

1. Cheerleaders will purchase shoes, socks, compression shorts, warm-ups, camp clothes, bags, and any other items that/coaches parents decide. There will be a uniform rental fee of \$100.00, non-refundable.
2. Each cheerleader will be responsible for keeping up with and taking care of the uniforms and equipment used during the season.
3. Uniforms are only to be worn in conjunction with school activities (games).
4. Uniforms must be turned in at the end of the season in clean and good condition. If the uniform is returned stained a dry cleaning fee will be charged. If the uniform is returned damaged the cheerleader will be responsible for paying for a replacement uniform.
5. Hair must be worn in a ponytail at practices and games, with the hair off the neck and shoulders of the cheerleader. This is for safety purposes with stunting.
6. Fingernails must be kept short.
7. **NO JEWELRY** may be worn during games or practices.
8. Make-up is to be worn at a minimum.
9. No eating, drinking, or chewing gum during practice or games.
10. No grooming while on the field, or the court.
11. Stand at attention during games.
12. No talking to anyone in the stands, or to each other during games.
13. Return from half-time and breaks at the time designated by the LMS Cheer Coaches.

*** There will be a penalty, at Coach's discretion, for breaking any of the above rules.**

Transportation

- Parents are responsible for transportation home from school after practices and events.

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- Cheerleaders **MUST** be picked up within **15 minutes** of practice/game end time.
***Cheerleaders who are repeatedly picked up late from practices and or games will receive demerits.**
- All cheerleaders must ride the bus to away games. Exceptions will be made upon the coach's discretion.
- Parents will be responsible for picking up their cheerleader from in county away games.
- The cheerleaders will be attending an away game that is outside the county boundaries.

Demerits

- A system of demerits will be implemented during the 2024-2025 football and basketball seasons.
- Demerits will be given to cheerleaders not following the rules outlined in this document.
- Excessive demerits will result in consequences and/or suspension from the squad. **When a cheerleader receives 5 demerits they will be removed from the squad.**

Coach Kelly Contact Information

We will create a team group chat after tryouts.

Text for any questions.

401-578-9354

Athlete Signature

Guardian Signature
